

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the specification at page 2, line 12, with ---

The invention is based on the object of specifying a method for bit-rate saving encoding of audio signals using a psychoacoustical model with reduced computing power. ~~This object is achieved by means of the method specified in claim 1.~~

It is a further object of the invention to disclose an encoder which ~~utilises~~ utilizes the inventive method. ~~This object is achieved by the apparatus disclosed in claim 6.~~